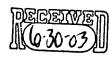


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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A computer system including plural client nodes communicating data access requests to one or more storage nodes, comprising:

logic means for associating one or more of the data access requests with respective priorities, wherein the priorities include time-based deadlines;

logic means for sending the data access requests and priorities to the storage nodes, and

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